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*WILLIAM PRESTON STOUTE, educator and labor leader, was born in Barbados and arrived to Panama in 1910. He was employed as a teacher in the Canal Zone School System where he became principal to several of these school. The critical social injusticies suffered by the workers promptly triggered stoute into the Canal Zone labor movement where he was soon to become a militant leader and organizer. In 1920 he called 17000 canal employees to a strike, that had a one week duration, after talks with Canal Zone authorities had failed to improve the salanes, working and living conditions of the workers. Both Stoute and Samuel Innis, another teacher and eloquent labor leader, were banned from the Canal Zone.*

*Stoute who had received his panamanians citizenship, found his naturalization papers revoked and was deported from Panama in 1921. He spent his exile and last days in Cuba.*

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